

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1586 – HB 2083

May 9, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007885): Adds language to the original bill allowing hunting to continue to be permitted following the transfer of jurisdiction of the Big Cypress State Natural Area from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to the Department of Environment and Conservation. TWRA would be authorized to continue to use and have full access to any facility in the area and to retain control of any structure constructed by the agency.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$200,000 One-Time/Wildlife Fund

Other fiscal Impact – There would be a shift of expenditures from the TWRA to the Department of Environment and Conservation related to the management costs related to maintaining the area. Such shift could be handled utilizing existing resources of the department and therefore is estimated to be not significant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Wildlife Fund

Other fiscal Impact – There would be a shift of expenditures from the TWRA to the Department of Environment and Conservation related to the management costs related to maintaining the area. Such shift could be handled utilizing existing resources of the department and therefore is estimated to be not significant.

Assumption applied to amendment:

- The provision in the amended version of the bill that authorizes the TWRA to utilize facilities in the area and to continue to use and control structures constructed in the area removes the \$200,000 increase in state expenditures attributed to the original bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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